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BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE CONTAINED  
IN A LIQUID )

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on March 6, 2008, Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the following amendments and remarks. The amendments to the claims made herein place the claims in condition for allowance and/or appeal, and do not add new matter.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 6 of this paper.